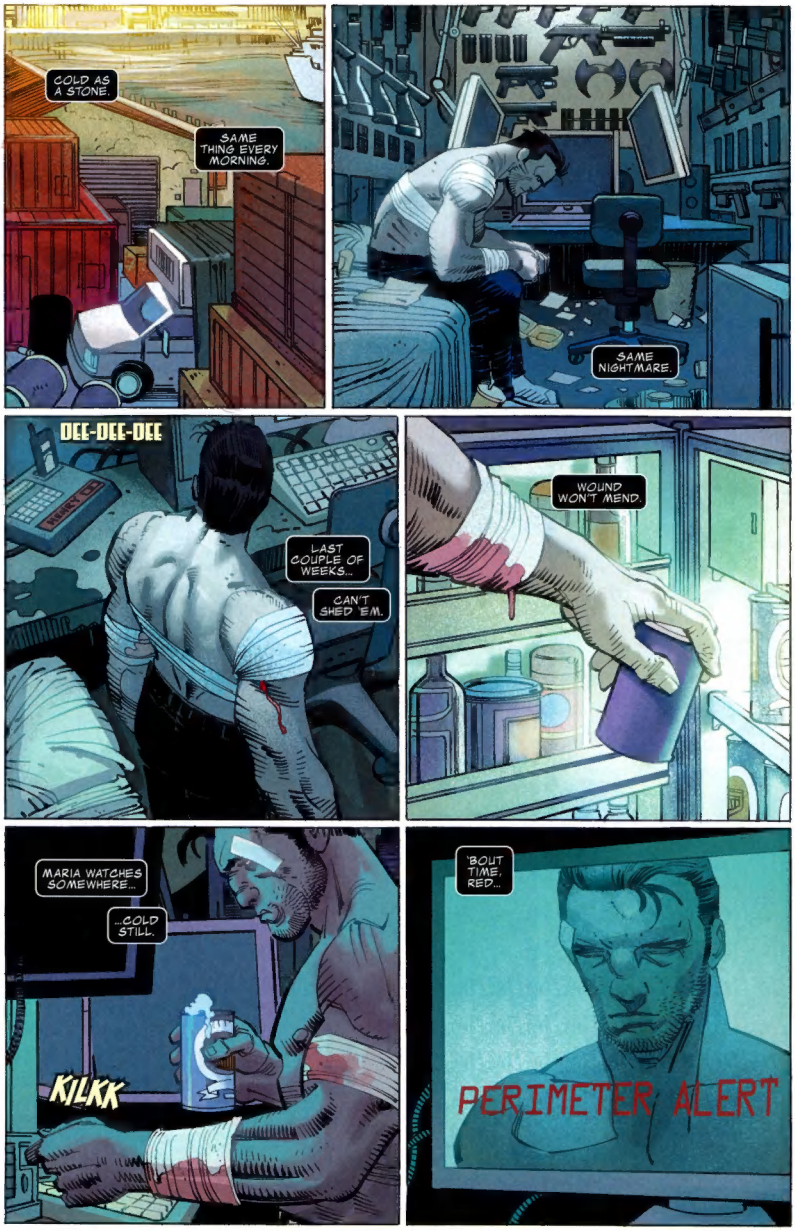
"All human beings should try to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why."
--James Thurber
DAMN IT, FRANK--ANSWER THE LINE!
YOU'RE PISSED. I KNOW. BUT YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME.
I WAS TROLLING H.A.M.M.E.R. INTERNAL CHATTER--
--OSBORN'S BRINGING DOWN HEAVY THUNDER--
FRANK, HE'S DEDICATED THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION TO ONE TASK--
NCE

"...YOU, FRANK. THEY'RE COMING TO KILL YOU."
WE HAVE CONFIRMATION. TARGET LOCATED, DIRECTOR OSBORN.
FINE. GOOD.
PASS DOWN THE COORDINATES-- ALL AVAILABLE UNITS CONVERGE ON SITE.
SIR?
I WASN'T CLEAR?
YES, SIR. YOU WERE, SIR.
WE GOOD TO GO?
NO.
WE ARE GREAT TO GO.


COLD AS A STONE.
SAME THING EVERY MORNING.
SAME NIGHTMARE.
DEE-DEE-DEE
LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS...
CAN'T SHED 'EM.
WOUND WON'T MEND.
MARIA WATCHES SOMEWHERE...
...COLD STILL.
KILKK
'BOUT TIME, RED...
PERIMETER ALERT

...BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'D NEVER SHOW.
TARGET IS LOCKED, SIR.
U MOVE
GOOD. SET A PERIMETER AROUND THE AREA AND--
NO. NO PERIMETER. NO MORE WASTING OF TIME.
HE'S A MAN IN A TRUCK--
YOU SIMPLY ARM THE MISSILES--
TEH
"--AIM THEM AT THE PIER--

"--AND BLOW IT ALL TO HELL."
THWADOOOOOOMMM
MR. OSBORN...
SIR...
WHAT?
SIR...WE MISSED.

MISSED?
YES, SIR... IT APPEARS CASTLE WAS NOT IN THE VAN AT THE TIME OF DETONATION.
DAKEN. GO.
ACTIVATE ALL GROUND AGENTS.
DEPLOY THE GLIDER TROOPS.
DEVOTE EVERY DAMNED RESOURCE TO THIS THING.
"EXTERMINATE FRANK CASTLE."

LAST OF THE PYM PARTICLES.
HANDY STUFF.
SOMEWHERE HANK PYM IS IRRITATED AND DOESN'T KNOW WHY...
...I'LL SEND HIM A "THANK YOU" CARD.
WHOA!!
FRANK, JESUS--THANK GOD I FOUND YOU! IT'S GOING DOWN--
THERE'S FOUR HELICARRIERS OVERHEAD--THEY'RE LOOKING FOR YOU, FRANK--
HENRY'S EITHER HERE TO HELP...
...OR HE'S IN ON IT.
FWAKK

EITHER WAY HE'S BETTER ON ICE.
GLAZAT
GLAZAT
ZETA TO PRIME--WE HAVE CONTACT.
BRAINLESS FEDERAL GOONS--
--STILL, THEY'RE COPS.
THEY GET NON-LETHAL SOLUTIONS.

GHAA--
OOF--
BUT NOT YOU, RED.
DRESS YOURSELF UP IN WHATEVER OUTFIT YOU LIKE.
SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ANY ARMY YOU WANT.
I'M COMIN', RED..
PZZNG
DOOM
...AND THIS TIME NOTHING'S GONNA STOP ME.
DOOM
DOOM
THIS TIME I KILL YOU.

THWOOOOOM
CHRAGHH!
LEG. BROKE.
USELESS.
IT TAKES WEIGHT--
ALL THAT MATTERS.
SEWAGE FILLS THE FRESH HOLE IN MY CALF.
MAYBE IT'LL STRENGTHEN MY IMMUNE SYSTEM.
THAT'S GOOD-- STAY SUNNY-- CRISIS IS JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR OPPORTUNITY.
ALWAYS A NEW OPPORTUNITY AROUND EVERY CORNER...
ME.

THAT'S THE PLAN.
KKRAAAK
CLAWS...
NEVER COULD SEE THE APPEAL.
GLAZAAT
GLAZAAT GLAZAAT

GUN'S GOT RANGE-- FASTER.
GAZAT GAZAT GAZAT
UNLESS THE TARGET'S FASTER THAN THE OLD MAN BEHIND THE GUN--
--AND I AM.
RHGGAA
SHWUNK
AND I'M REAL IMPRESSED, BOY.

YEERGGAAHGHHH!!
SCHLUMPP
@WHUU
GLAZZAT
:P-TOO:
RED SHOULDA SENT THE REAL DEAL.
GIMME SOMETHING WORTH GETTING OUT OF BED FOR.
GLAZZAT

KOFF THIS JUST WENT FROM WORK TO RECREATION.
YOU GOT ME INVESTED NOW.
NOWHERE YOU CAN RUN-- NOWHERE.
UP THERE, UP THERE AIN'T WHAT YOU WANT, BROTHER.
ALL YOU GET UP THERE IS EXECUTION BY COMMITTEE.
DOWN HERE-- YOU AND ME-- THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO GO OUT, CASTLE.
TRUST ME. I'LL END YOU RIGHT.
DEEP DEEP DEEP
BLEED YOU OUT IN THIS CESSPIT LIKE THE... HMM?
DEEEEEEEEEE

BRA-THOOOOMM!!
LUNCH SEEPS AROUND MY GUTS.
SEWAGE IN MY LEG.
SEPTIC SOON.
ACQUIRED
CLOSE IN AND TERMINATE
NOT MUCH TIME LEFT.
WON'T NEED MUCH TIME.
NO.

OUT OF HERE--ALL OF YOU.
I GUT THIS PIG MYSELF.
I SHOULD LET THOSE FACELESS GOONS ASSASSINATE YOU.
IT'S ALL YOU DESERVE.
YOU'RE A ROACH, CASTLE. BARELY WORTH MY TIME.
GONNA KEEP GUMMIN' ALL NIGHT, BOY...?
OR YOU WANNA GET TO THE WORK?
GLAZZZAT

GAA--
THARSHH
THWUDD
WHANK
BLAMM
BLAMM
BLAMM

STUNK
CHAK
GNAAA
CHRRAHHGHHHH--!!!
THUNK
SHAK
HURRG
GASHH

THE PUNISHER-- THE BIG BADASS.
HURKUKK
WWOOSH
A CLUMSY OLD MAN GRABBED HIMSELF A TIGER BY THE TAIL.
KKHUGK
YOU GO AROUND POINTING GUNS AT ENOUGH PEOPLE --
--IT'S GONNA CATCH UP WITH YOU.
SHUNKK

THIS IS HOW GARBAGE LIKE YOU DIES.
MARIA WATCHES FROM SOMEPLACE...
...I SEE HER...
SHAKK
FACE TO FACE WITH SOME ANONYMOUS ASSASSIN.
CUT TO RIBBONS.
BLEEDING OUT. FAR FROM HOME.
...SHE'S WAITING FOR ME.
HELL. LOOK AT YOUR MONKEY-FACE-- DON'T EVEN LOOK SURPRISED.
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER...
HER ARMS OPEN...

...I'D SAY YOU LOOK RELIEVED.
SHWUNKKK
I SEE MARIA WAITING...
SHWUNKKK
...IT'S A GOOD LIE.

RECEIVING VERIFICATION, SIR.
FRANK CASTLE, BORN FRANCIS CASTIGLIONE. CODE NAME: THE PUNISHER--
TARGET HAS BEEN TERMINATED.
CLEAN IT UP.
ALL AGENTS, REPEAT, ALL AGENTS: SCRUB LOCATION, GATHER REMAINS AND RETURN TO HELICARRIER PRIME AT ONCE.
HMMH.

A GOOD LIE

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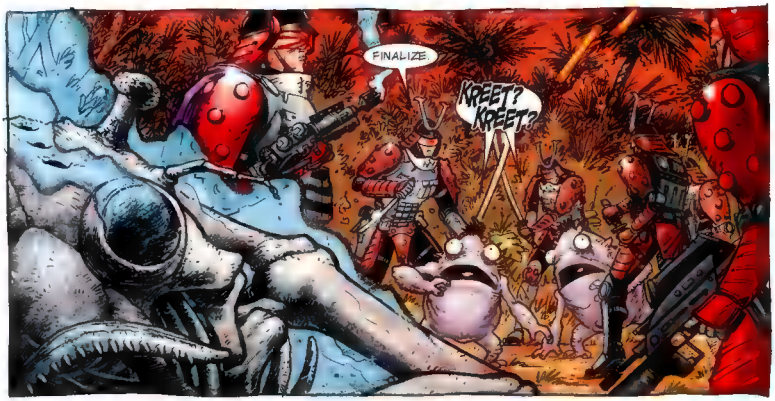
MONSTER ISLAND...
GLAZATT
GLAZATT
GLAZATT
THNKK
THNKK
THNKK
GGHHRROOOOO!!

SLAY ALL MONSTERS.
GRAWK
GGRRAAAWWKKK!!
MAKE THE EARTH CLEAN.
COMPLETE OUR REPUTATIONS.
HA!
HA!
ZERTOOP

HATEFUL MONSTER-- FACE DESTINY!
SCREEEEEEEEEE


FINALIZE.
KREET? KREET?

DEAR CAPTAIN OF SCIENCE--WE FAIL. DO NOT FIND THE ITEM.
YES. SPIES HAVE INFORMED ME THAT IT WAS MOVED.
RETURN HOME. WE PLAN A MISSION TO NEW YORK.
BUT, YAMATO, BEFORE YOU GO--IMPLEMENT THE PRIME DOCTRINE...

DESTROY ALL MONSTERS.
HAI! HUNTER OF MONSTER SPECIAL FORCE IS GO.

THAT BASTARD...
BROKE MY DAMNED NOSE.
SWEAR TO GOD, CASTLE...
WM
FIND YOU AN' BREAK YOUR NOSE...
WHOA.
WM
THWWOOSSHHH
SWEET JESUS...

FRANK!!

EYES ON SECONDARY TARGET: HENRY RUSSO.
HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD-- DO IT!!

GLAZATT
GLAZATT
MY GOD!
FWOOOOSH

HOLD UP, LEAVE 'IM.
JUST GOT WORK FROM OSBORN--NEW ASSIGNMENT.
YEAH? WHAT?

COLLECT THE REMAINS OF FRANK CASTLE.

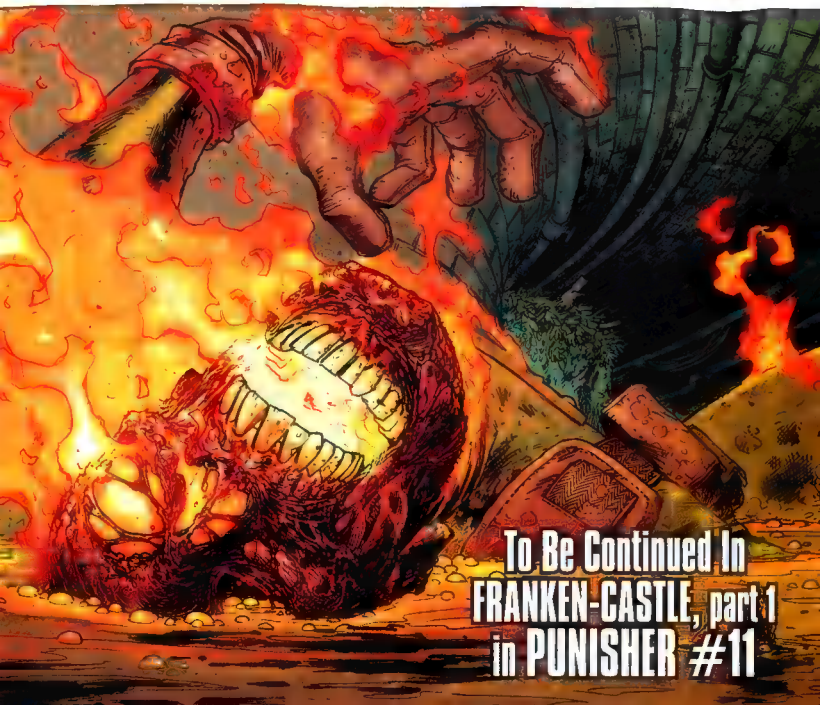
THINK ANYONE WOULD NOTICE IF I KEPT HIS HEAD?
YOU'RE A REAL SICKO, CROSS, AND YES, THEY'D NOTICE.
TOO BAD. YOU IMAGINE WHAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD FETCH ON EBAY?
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY HAD THE SAME IDEA.

GAZAT
GAZAT
CAN'T HAVE YOU VERMIN TAKIN' OUR PRIZE.
REEEEE!
SNAK
LEAVE ON INTACT AND TAKE IT TO OSBORN.
GAZAT
GAZAT
GAZAT
SCANNERS SHOW THE TUNNEL DEADENDS UP AHEAD.
GAZAT
GAZAT
GAZAT
THEN WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY... RUNNING... TO?
HOLY...

KRA-DOOOOOOM

GAA—
PLEASE... OH, GOD...NO... READ THE FILE ON THIS GUY IN TRAINING...
WHAT'S THE THING, HIS THING... FEAR!
WHATEVER KNOWS FEAR...

YEEEAGGHAAHHHH!!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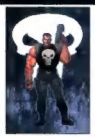

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The life of Frank Castle in the hours after his family was gunned down…

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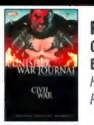

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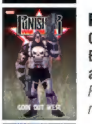

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Punisher gets in the middle of a race war on the US/Mexico border!

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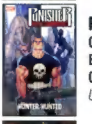

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Up against Kraven the Hunter?!?

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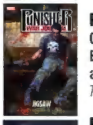

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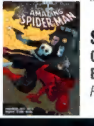

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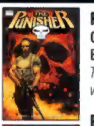

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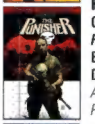

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